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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Recommendation 3.2 places the public at risk. The regulatory oversight provided by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists which includes licensed marriage and family therapists as well as public members ensures that all LMFTs are well trained and adhere to high professional standards. The impact of LMFTs on the health and safety of the clients they serve mandates the oversight of an independent regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professionals.

Unlike the other professions recommended for transfer to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Recommendation 3.2, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Social Workers must hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered Health Professions under Texas law. None of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists should remain an independent licensing body reflective of the important important Mental Health Services Marriage and Family Therapists provide to their communities.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
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First Name: Neil

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Say no to moving LMFT's from DSHS. I am in favor of keeping this license with DSHS due to the fact that LMFT's are Health Care providers. I do not want my license to be taxed to pay for the move. I am training to be Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, and I do not want my licensure to be diminished due to a move to a department that works with occupational licenses.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: --

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree